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NOTICE
TO ALL CONTRACTORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
REGARDING
"WHAT CONSTITUTES A BEDROOM"
AND
"EDITING OF COPYRIGHTED FLOOR PLANS"

"WHAT CONSTITUTES A BEDROOM"

It has been the Department policy for the past 10+ years to define a bedroom as: "Any proposed room(s) contained within the subject structure that have closets contained within or accessible to the room proper will be considered as a bedroom."

On March 18, 2003 the Williamson County Board of Health passed an amendment to the *Regulations Governing On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems*, defining the term "bedroom" for purposes of application for a subsurface sewage disposal system construction permit. This amendment should enable the Department of Sewage Disposal Management to have the flexibility necessary to better serve applicants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the newly created definition of "bedroom" shall be applied and implemented on June 1, 2005.

The new definition is as follows:

Bedroom - Bedroom for purposes of determining the size of a subsurface sewage disposal system shall mean a room with certain features characteristic of bedrooms generally, which could include but are not limited to the following: reasonable access to a full bathroom on the same floor or within half a floor, if the house has a split level, adequate privacy to close off the room, and a minimum of 70 square feet in size. The presence or absence of a closet shall not be determinative of whether a room is to be deemed a bedroom. In the absence of evidence that conclusively establishes that a room is not a bedroom, the room in question may be deemed a bedroom. Any proposed future rooms that possess the characteristics of a bedroom set forth above must be included for purposes of determining the size of a subsurface sewage disposal system. The decision of the Department of Sewage Disposal Management regarding whether a room shall be deemed a bedroom shall be final and dispositive.

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